

Bajrang Punia Receives Death Threats; Wrestler-Turned Congress Leader Lodges Police Complaint

Chennai Sep 08 2024: Wrestler Bajrang Punia, who joined Congress two days ago, has received death threats and he has lodged a police complaint about this. Punia, who is also working chairman of All India Kisan Congress, is reported to have received the death threats on his phone number.

In the message received on Punia's WhatsApp phone from a foreign number, the

miscreant said, "Bajrang, leave Congress. Otherwise, this will not be good for you and your family. This is our last message. Before the elections, we will show you what we are. Complain wherever you want. This is our first and last warning."

After this, Bajrang Punia has lodged his complaint at Bahalgarh police station. Police spokesperson Ravindra Kumar said



that Bajrang Punia has received a death threat and the Sonipat police are seriously investigating this matter.

Bajrang and Vinesh joined Congress: Two days ago, star wrestlers Bajrang Punia and Vinesh Phogat joined the Congress party on Friday, 6 September 2024. After which the Congress made Vinesh Phogat a candidate from Julana assembly seat of Jind district of Haryana in the

assembly elections. Then, the party announced to make Bajrang Punia the working chairman of All India Kisan Congress.

After joining Congress, Bajrang Punia had said that it is the responsibility of all of us to get Vinesh elected with a huge number of votes. "I am also committed to spend my time among the farmers now," he said.

Join India, We Consider You Our Own Unlike Pakistan: Rajnath Singh To PoK Residents

Chennai Sep 08 2024: In a key development highlighting the strained ties between the two nations, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Sunday asked the residents of Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) to come and join India asserting that Delhi considered them as its own, unlike Pakistan which treats them as foreigners.

Singh, who was addressing an election rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Ramban district in support of BJP candidate Rakesh Singh Thakur, also

slammed the National Conference-Congress alliance in the Union Territory, coming down heavily for their poll promise of restoring Article 370.

Singh said that as long as BJP was there, restoration of Article 370 was "impossible". "Support the BJP to form the next government in Jammu Kashmir so that we can facilitate massive development in the region. There will be so much development that the people in PoK on seeing this should say that we do not want to live with Pakistan and instead will go to



India," the defence minister said.

He said that recently an affidavit

was filed by the additional solicitor general in the neighboring country stating that PoK is a

foreign land. "I want to tell PoK residents that Pakistan is considering you foreigner but the people in India do not

consider you as such. We consider you as our own and so come and join us," he said.

He welcomed the "sea of change" in the overall security situation in Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370 in August 2019 and said youths now carry laptops and computers instead of pistols and revolvers.

The defence minister's visit as a star campaigner of the BJP comes a day after Home Minister Amit Shah's two-day tour during which he released the party's manifesto, held a series of meetings with senior party leaders and also addressed a workers' rally. In the Ramban

constituency, the BJP's Thakur is up against the NC's Arjun Singh Raju and party's rebel Suraj Singh Parihar.

The seat was last won by the BJP's Neelam Kumar Langeh who was denied a ticket by the party this time. Singh is also scheduled to visit adjoining Banihal constituency to seek votes for party candidate Mohd Saleem Bhat who is pitted against former Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) president and ex-minister Vikar Rasool Wani.

HQ Integrated Defence Staff to conduct maiden Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE) Programme for senior officers of Tri-Services

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Chennai Sep 08 2024: In a first, the Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS) is organising a Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE) Programme for senior officers of Tri-Services at USI, New Delhi from 09 to 13 Sep 24. The five-day development cum orientation programme, has been designed for Major General and equivalent officers from the three services, along with officers from the Ministry of Defence, Ministry of External Affairs, and Ministry of Home Affairs.

The Combined Operational Review and Evaluation (CORE) programme has been conceptualized to prepare senior officers of the Indian Armed Forces for future leadership roles, by

developing skills in strategic planning, duty anticipating, and preparing for future threats, challenges and conflicts. The effective conduct of future wars will hinge on three vital elements: military leaders, combatants (man-machine interface) and support staff. The Indian Armed Forces are taking dynamic steps towards modernisation, both in

concepts and inventory. It is, therefore, imperative for future senior military leaders to stay abreast with changing geo-political dynamics and futuristic combat scenarios augmented by disruptive technologies and advancements to take comprehensive decisions.

The CORE programme aims to foster jointness and

integration and enhance cooperation and coordination among different services to create a detailed understanding of the operational environment. The programme will comprise panel discussions and lectures by 30 eminent speakers and subject matter experts from varied fields, curated around a unique different theme

on each day. Changing Nature of Warfare, Globalisation and Interconnectedness, Lessons from Recent ongoing Conflicts in the world, Impact of non-kinetic warfare, Cyber and Information Warfare, and Adoption of Artificial Intelligence and autonomous systems in military are some of the topics that will be discussed.

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Rahul Gandhi, Kharge Vow Not To Make Hollow Promises To Voters In Ensuing Assembly Polls

Chennai, Sep 08 2024: Hectic consultations are going on within the Congress for the Assembly elections in three states and Union Territory Jammu & Kashmir as Rahul Gandhi and party chief Mallikarjun Kharge want a thorough assessment of the financial implications of the promises.

According to party insiders, both Rahul and Kharge are aware of the competitive politics not only with the BJP, but also with the grand old party allies in the states, who may also come out with their own manifestos. The initial focus is on Haryana where elections are due on October 5 and in UT J&K where voting will take place on September 18, 25 and Oct 1, but discussions for the Congress manifestos in Maharashtra and Jharkhand where elections will be held later this year are also going on.

"Discussions over the draft manifestos for all the three states and UT J&K are going on. The state units are working on the drafts,



but we are guiding them. Though Haryana and J&K elections will be held first, we must be ready with our draft manifestos for Maharashtra and Jharkhand as well," AICC coordinator for the party manifestos in states TS Singh Deo told ETV Bharat.

"Congress manifestos are sacred documents for former chief Rahul Gandhi and incumbent party chief Mallikarjun Kharge. Both leaders want that financial cost of the election guarantees made by the Congress in states to be studied in advance. We don't want to make hollow guarantees like the BJP does. We will list only what is doable," said Deo.

Though there is no issue in Haryana where the Congress hopes to win elections on its own, in UT J&K

Congress ally NC has already announced its own manifesto. If the alliance wins, a Common Minimum Programme for governance would be worked out later.

According to Congress insiders, the NC manifesto mentions the return of Article 370 of the Constitution that gave Special Status to the erstwhile state and was removed by the Modi government in 2019.

Over the last week, the saffron party has been targeting the INDIA bloc over the mention of Article 370 in NC's election manifesto. For the NC voter base in Kashmir, the controversial article is an emotive as well as political issue.

Like in Jammu & Kashmir, the Congress is fighting the coming Assembly elections in

Maharashtra in alliance with Shiv Sena UBT and Sharad Pawar's party. In Jharkhand, the Congress is an ally of the JMM led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren. In both states, the allies may want to have their own election manifestos, said Congress insiders.

"While discussing our election manifestos we are factoring in this chance also that our allies may want to have their own manifestos although a Common Minimum Programme for governance will be worked out later," said Deo.

According to Congress insiders, the AICC is also urging the state units to discuss the draft election manifestos with a wide range of stakeholders down to the block level to make the documents truly reflective of the voters' wishes.

"We have asked them to talk to as many stakeholders across the state to make the manifestos meaningful. So far, they have made some excellent suggestions," added Deo.

NSA Ajit Doval Set To Visit Moscow As India Attempts To Broker Peace Between Russia And Ukraine

Chennai, Sep 08 2024: Following the recent visit of Prime Minister Modi to Russia and Ukraine, National Security Advisor (NSA) Ajit Doval is all set to visit Moscow this week to attend the BRICS NSA meeting.

Prime Minister Modi is attempting to broker peace between Russia and Ukraine, and the latest visit by the NSA is seemingly part of the efforts, especially since other world leaders including Italy Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni has stated that India can play a role in ending the war. Russian President Vladimir Putin too has exuded confidence in India and China playing key roles in resolving the conflict.

After he visited Ukraine and his meeting with President Zelensky, PM Modi spoke to President Putin over the phone on August 27 and reiterated India's commitment to facilitating a peaceful settlement through



political and diplomatic means.

PM Modi noted, "India was never neutral, we have always been on the side of peace." President Putin has also appreciated India's efforts, mentioning it among the three nations Russia is in contact with regarding the conflict. Sources said that it was during this conversation that the leaders agreed that NSA Doval would visit Moscow to initiate peace talks.

India has generally maintained a relatively neutral stance in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. New Delhi has emphasised dialogue and negotiation over confrontation. It has called for a peaceful resolution and has refrained from taking

sides in the conflict.

India has maintained strong relations with both Moscow and Western countries. Russia is a significant defense partner and a longstanding ally, while India also seeks to strengthen its ties with Western nations. New Delhi has significant economic interests in both regions, including energy imports and trade relations. It aims to avoid actions that could jeopardize these interests.

India has generally aligned with the principles of international law and the United Nations Charter, supporting sovereignty and territorial integrity without direct involvement in the conflict. India's position reflects its

broader foreign policy objectives of maintaining strategic balance and promoting peace.

President Putin has named India among the three countries that Russia is in talks with regarding the Ukraine conflict. "We respect our friends and partners, who, I believe, sincerely seek to resolve all issues surrounding this conflict, primarily China, Brazil and India. I constantly keep in touch with our colleagues on this issue," Putin said.

NSA Ajit Doval will be meeting his BRICS counterparts including those from China and Brazil to discuss how they can support the 'no war initiative' bringing a complete end to the crisis and suffering. BRICS is an intergovernmental organization comprising Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Iran, Egypt, Ethiopia, and the United Arab Emirates.

Yemen's Houthi Rebels Claim They Shot Down Another US MQ-9 Drone

Chennai, Sep 08 2024: Yemen's Houthi rebels claimed early Sunday they shot down another American-made MQ-9 drone flying over the country, marking potentially the latest downing of the multimillion-dollar surveillance aircraft. The US responded with airstrikes over Houthi-controlled territory, the rebels said.



campaign targeting shipping in the Red Sea corridor.

Houthi military spokesperson Brig. Gen. Yahya Saree made the claim in a prerecorded video message. He said the Houthis shot down the drone over Yemen's Marib province, a long-contested area home to key oil and gas fields that's been held by allies of a Saudi-led coalition battling the rebels since 2015.

Saree offered no details on how the rebels downed the aircraft. However, Iran has armed the rebels with a surface-to-air missile known as the 358 for years. Iran denies arming the rebels, though Tehran-

manufactured weaponry has been found on the battlefield and in seaborne shipments heading to

Yemen despite a United Nations arms embargo. The Houthis continue to perform their jihadist duties in victory for the oppressed Palestinian people and in defense of dear Yemen, Saree said. Reapers, which cost around \$30 million apiece, can fly at altitudes up to 50,000 feet (15,240 meters) and have an endurance of up to 24 hours before needing to land. The aircraft have been flown by both the U.S. military and the CIA over Yemen for years.

After the claim, the Houthis' al-Masirah satellite news channel reported multiple U.S.-led airstrikes near the city of Ibb. The U.S. military did not acknowledge the strikes, but the Americans have been striking Houthi targets

intensely since January. The Houthis have targeted more than 80 merchant vessels with missiles and drones since the war in Gaza started in October. They seized one vessel and sank two in the campaign that has also killed four sailors. Other missiles and drones have either been intercepted by a U.S.-led coalition in the Red Sea or failed to reach their targets, which have included Western military vessels as well.

The rebels maintain that they target ships linked to Israel, the U.S. or the U.K. to force an end to Israel's campaign against Hamas in Gaza. However, many of the ships attacked have little or no connection to the conflict, including some bound for Iran. Those attacks include the barrage that struck the Greek-flagged oil tanker Sounion in the Red Sea. Salvagers last week abandoned an initial effort to tow away the burning oil tanker, leaving the Sounion stranded and its 1 million barrels of oil at risk of spilling.

Venezuela Leader And Former Presidential Candidate Edmundo González Flees Country For Asylum In Spain

Chennai, Sep 08 2024: Former Venezuelan opposition presidential candidate Edmundo González has fled into exile after being granted asylum in Spain, delivering a major blow to millions who placed their hopes in his upstart campaign to end two decades of single-party rule.

The surprise departure of the man considered by Venezuela's opposition and several foreign governments to be the legitimate winner of July's presidential race was announced late Saturday night by Venezuelan Vice President Delcy Rodríguez.

She said the government decided to grant González safe passage out of the country, just days after ordering his arrest, to help restore "the country's political peace and tranquility." Neither González nor opposition leader Maria Corina Machado has commented.

Meanwhile, Spain's center-left government said the decision to abandon Venezuela was González's alone and he departed on a plane sent by the country's air force.



Foreign Minister José Manuel Albares told Spanish national broadcaster RTVE that his government will grant González political asylum as he has requested. Albares spoke while en route to China with Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez on a state visit.

"I have been able to speak to (González) and once he was aboard the airplane he expressed his gratitude toward the Spanish government and Spain," Albares said. "Of course I told him we were pleased that he is well and on his way to Spain, and I reiterated the commitment of our government to the political rights of all Venezuelans."

Sánchez said in a speech Friday, before González's departure was announced, that the opposition leader was "a hero whom Spain is not going to abandon."

Albares said that González had spent an

unspecified number of days at the Spanish Embassy in Caracas before his departure.

A Spanish official with knowledge of details on González's departure said that his government did not discuss González's exit with Maduro's administration. The official spoke on condition of anonymity in line with ministry protocols.

González, a 75-year-old former diplomat, was a last minute stand-in when Machado was banned from running. Previously unknown to most Venezuelans, his campaign nonetheless rapidly ignited the hopes of millions of Venezuelans desperate for change after a decade-long economic freefall.

While President Nicolás Maduro was declared the winner of the July vote, most Western governments have yet to recognize his

victory and are instead demanding that authorities publish a breakdown of votes. Meanwhile, tally sheets collected by opposition volunteers from over two-thirds of the electronic voting machines indicate that González won by a more than 2-to-1 margin.

The tally sheets have long been considered the ultimate proof of election results in Venezuela. In previous presidential elections, the National Electoral Council published online the results of each of the more than 30,000 voting machines but the Maduro-controlled panel did not release any data this time, blaming an alleged cyberattack mounted by its opponents from North Macedonia.

Attorney General Tarek William Saab, a staunch Maduro ally, sought González's arrest after he failed to appear three times in connection with a criminal investigation into what it considers an act of electoral sabotage.

Saab told reporters the voting records the opposition shared online were forged and an attempt to undermine the National Electoral Council.

Vice-President presides as Chief Guest at the International Literacy day Celebrations at Vigyan Bhawan

Chennai Sep 08 2024: Addressing the International Literacy Day celebrations as Chief Guest at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi today the Vice-President underlined, "The joy and happiness you provide by educating a person, whether a man, a woman, a child, or a girl, is beyond measure. You can't imagine the happiness it will bring you. It will spread in a positive manner. It will be the greatest affirmative action you can take in Human Resource Development".

In his address, he called upon everyone to promote literacy. He remarked that it is time for us to be in mission mode with commitment and passion to ensure 100% literacy at the earliest but he said he was sure that this is achievable sooner than we think. Let each one make one literate, this will be a key contribution for Viksit Bharat, he said.

He further asserted that "Education is something that no thief can take away from you. No government can snatch it from you. Neither relatives, nor friends can take it away from you. There can be no reduction in it. It will grow and continue to grow as long as you keep sharing it". He also expressed confidence that if literacy is pursued passionately, India can reclaim its ancient status as a centre of learning, like Nalanda and Takshashila.

Appealing to the states that are yet to adopt the Education Policy (NEP) to rethink, revisit their stance, he emphasised that this policy is a game-changer for the nation. "This National Education Policy empowers our youth to fully exploit their talent and energy, giving due importance to all languages," he remarked.

Highlighting the special significance of mother tongue, Shri Dhankar stated that it is the language in which we dream. Shri Dhankar emphasised on India's unparalleled linguistic diversity, Shri Dhankar stated that, "There is no country in the world like India. We are a unique nation when it comes to the richness of language, with several languages".

Reflecting on his experiences as Chairman of the Rajya Sabha, he shared that members are given the opportunity to speak in 22 languages. "When I hear them speak in their language, I listen to the translation, but their body language itself tells me what they are saying", he stated.

He also highlighted the profound significance of Rishi Tradition in Indian culture, and urged everyone to "take resolve to make at least one person literate within six months, so that by the end of the year, we can achieve the goal of educating two individuals."



Lauding India's transformative progress over the last decade, Shri Dhankar emphasised how achievements like electrifying every household, once unimaginable, are now a reality, with future goals focused on self-sufficiency through solar power. He reflected on rural development, highlighting the significant strides like toilets in every household and the impact of widespread digital connectivity. He noted how 4G access in remote villages has revolutionised service delivery, making everyday tasks easier, and eliminating the need for long queues for essential services".

Cautioning against the people who taint, tarnish and demean our institutions, Shri Dhankar urged to show path to those misguided souls who are not able to acknowledge the

impressive growth of Bharat and are not recognising the ground reality.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State for Education, Shri Sanjay Kumar, Secretary, Department of School Education & Literacy (DoSEL) and other dignitaries were also present on the occasion.

The Ministry of Education's Department of School Education & Literacy, in collaboration with UNESCO, celebrated International Literacy Day 2024. The theme of this year's event, "Promoting Literacy through Multilingualism," highlighted the critical role of linguistic diversity in improving literacy levels across India's diverse communities.

Shri Jayant Chaudhary, while

delivering the inaugural address, highlighted the significance of literacy in improving the health situation, empowering women, and increasing GDP. Literacy is not just a developmental goal; it is the very foundation of our character of a developed India, he added.

The Minister highlighted the unique feature of ULLAs, which is a sense of duty, 'Kartavyabodh', with the spirit of volunteerism and community participation. He also expressed his gratitude to Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047 which emphasizes inclusive participation and the use of Indian languages to make progress in various fields. This vision is being realized through the NEP-2020, which seeks to eliminate linguistic barriers and

ensure that language does not become a barrier in the educational journey of any learner, Shri Chaudhary said.

Shri Chaudhary emphasized that our efforts towards making everyone literate are part of a global mission. He mentioned, how, in collaboration with UNESCO, the work is going on towards making it in sync with international standards and goals towards a world where every individual has the right to education and the opportunity to reach their full potential. Literacy is not just a national priority; it is a global imperative that will have far-reaching implications for the future, he said.

He urged all States and Union Territories to fully embrace the ULLAs initiative and work tirelessly towards achieving total literacy

by 2030. This is not just a government effort, it is a collective responsibility, he reminded.

Shri Sanjay Kumar in his welcoming address mentioned how the literacy programme is aligned with NEP2020 which aims at achieving 100% literacy. ULLAs symbolizes our relentless pursuit of literacy for all, he said. Towards the students present at the event he highlighted the opportunity the programme presents them to contribute to the country's literacy mission. He congratulated the UT of Ladakh on achieving full literacy (over 97%). Shri Kumar also mentioned that this year's theme of the ILD stresses multilingualism and India's linguistic diversity is one of the greatest assets of the country and by embracing multilingual education it can be made accessible for all. Reaffirming the unwavering determination to achieve 100% literacy he mentioned that along with enhancing literacy this mission is igniting hope, empowering individuals and shaping a bright future for India.

A special film on ULLAs - Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram, was launched during the programme, which captured the journey, milestones, and success stories of the program. The film showcased the transformative impact of the initiative in promoting adult literacy

across diverse linguistic regions and empowering communities through foundational literacy and digital skills.

The ULLAs DTH Channel, a significant step towards reaching learners across the nation through literacy programs in multiple languages, was also launched today. This initiative will serve as a crucial tool in bridging the literacy gap, particularly for adult learners in remote and underserved regions.

Some volunteer teachers and neo-literate individuals shared their experiences of learning through multilingual education under the ULLAs program. These stories showcased the transformative power of learning in one's native language and its profound impact on adult learners, empowering them to participate more actively in their communities and the economy.

Cultural performances showcasing India's linguistic richness at the event reflected the diverse heritage that is the backbone of the nation's literacy efforts.

International Literacy Day 2024 reinforced the government's ongoing efforts to promote literacy through multilingual education, aiming to build a more inclusive, literate, and empowered society where linguistic diversity is celebrated and embraced.

Pakistan's Defence Minister Says Evidence Against Imran Khan Points Towards Military Trial

Chennai Sep 08 2024: Pakistan's Defence Minister Khawaja Asif has said that the evidence against jailed former prime minister Imran Khan points towards a military trial in the cases concerning the violence on May 9 last year, a media report said on Sunday. Speaking to a private news channel on Saturday, Asif said that military trials had taken place before and will continue to do so in future as well, Geo News reported.

"Evidence against founder Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf party founder (Imran Khan) points towards military trial," Asif said. His remarks come after 71-year-old Khan - fearing a military trial over his alleged involvement in the May 9 riots - filed a petition in the Islamabad High Court (IHC) to stop his potential trial in military courts.

However, the IHC registrar's office raised objections over Khan's plea, saying that neither it mentioned any specific first information report (FIR) nor any documentation or order was attached to the petition and how a petition be filed in a high court while the matter of military trials is sub judice in the Supreme Court.

It is not the first time that the ruling Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) expressed such a possibility. Several leaders of the party have accused Khan of orchestrating the May 9, 2023 violence. On September 2, Asif had said that a military trial of Khan was "possible". He had said that during the Khan-led government, military trials of the civilians were held and he remembers cases of 24 civilians who went through the process of



facing military court.

On May 9 last year, violent protests erupted after the arrest of the PTI founder by paramilitary Rangers from the premises of the Islamabad High Court in connection with an alleged corruption case. His party workers allegedly vandalised a dozen military installations, including the Jinnah House (Lahore Corps

Commander House), the Mianwali airbase and the ISI building in Faisalabad. A mob also attacked the Army headquarters in Rawalpindi.

Khan's party has ruled out the possibility of him being subjected to a military trial. The Supreme Court in December 2023 suspended its October 23, 2023, order wherein it declared civilians'

trials in military courts null and void in connection with the May 9 riots. The verdict was announced on intra-court appeals filed by the federal and provincial governments and the defence ministry against the top court's verdict.

The December order stated that military court trials would be conditioned on the Supreme Court's final verdict on the intra-court

pleas. Speaking on the issue, the defence minister said that he lacked access to the investigation related to the PTI founder as they were confidential. "The army was targeted in cities where demonstrations took place [...] This leads us [to believe] that some people were directing [rioters]," the politician said, recalling the May 9 events.

The directions related to protests must've been of the PTI founder, he added. Asif also said that Lt Gen (ret'd.) Faiz Hameed, who was recently arrested, approached the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz to become army chief. The former Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) has been arrested over allegations of land grabbing and snatching valuables from the owner of a private housing society.

"General (ret'd.) Faiz wanted to become army chief, his name was in the list. He contacted the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz's (PML-N) leadership and assured of his loyalty against support for his bid for army chief," Asif claimed, adding that the ex-ISI chief also gave certain guarantees as well. The minister said that following the appointment of Gen Asif

Munir as army chief, Faiz's complaints intensified.

"The general had an acquaintance with the PTI founder [and] he must be speaking about this following his arrest," the minister said, noting that the former spy chief would attempt to shift the blame on someone else. "He (Faiz) might say that even if he was part of the conspiracy then the objectives (of conspiracy) were of the PTI founder's and not his," Asif said.

"Both of them tried to take over the country after losing power. Both failed to create an uprising within the military," he added. Khan was arrested on August 5 last year after his conviction in the first Toshakhana corruption case filed by the Election Commission of Pakistan. Since then, he has been in jail in different cases.

'Yaathisai' producer Venus Infotainment K.J. Ganesh and 'Lucky Man' director-cum-actor Balaji Venugopal join forces for a new film that marks Vijay TV fame Kumaran Thangarajan's debut as protagonist on silver screen

Chennai, Sep 08 2024: Venus Infotainment's K.J. Ganesh, the producer of 'Yaathisai', a film that narrated the pride of ancient Tamils with all its nativity, and Balaji Venugopal, the director of 'Lucky Man', a movie that conveyed a good message with humour, have teamed up for a new film.

The yet-to-be-titled movie with a never-before story features K u m a r a n



Thangarajan, famous for his appearance on Vijay TV and critically acclaimed webseries 'Vadhandhi' on Amazon Prime, making his debut as a lead actor in cinema alongside Kumaravel,

is composing the music, Jagadeesh is handling the cinematography, Madhan is taking care of the editing and Vasu on production design.

Aimed at entertaining audiences qualitatively, across all age groups, the film's shoot is nearing completion and will soon be ready for release. Further details, including the movie's title, will be officially announced shortly.

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Simran Celebrates 28 Glorious Years in Cinema with Her New Film: 'The Last One'

Chennai Sep 08 2024: Pan-Indian Horror-Fantasy Movie Produced by Deepak Bagga and Directed by Lokesh Kumar Being Made in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi

The beloved and iconic actress Simran, celebrated for her versatility and timeless appeal across the Indian film industry, marks a remarkable milestone this year. As she celebrates 28 successful years in the film industry, Simran is all set to surprise her fans with a thrilling new project that promises to be nothing short of a cinematic spectacle.



audiences and critics alike. In 'Rocketry', she portrayed her role with depth and intensity, contributing to these film's overall success and earning widespread praise.

In Tamil cinema, her recent success with Andhagan, where she played a meaty and pivotal role, has been widely celebrated. Simran's ability to choose diverse and powerful roles has always set her apart, and 'The Last One' is poised to be another feather in her crown.

'The Last One' is currently in production and is already generating buzz in the industry. More details about the cast and crew will be revealed soon. 'The Last One' promises to be a landmark film that will add another chapter to the versatile star Simran's illustrious career.

As she steps into this exciting new chapter of her career, her fans can eagerly anticipate a cinematic experience like no other with 'The Last One', produced by Deepak Bagga on Four Dee Motion Pictures banner and directed by Lokesh Kumar.

and Hindi. Fans can expect a visual treat as Simran takes on a challenging and groundbreaking role that is sure to leave a lasting impression.

In a career spanning almost three decades of experience, Simran has charmed audiences with her performances in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi films, establishing herself as one of the most sought-after actresses in Indian cinema. To commemorate this incredible journey,

Simran is gearing up for her new film—a momentous occasion for both the actress and her legion of fans.

Simran's career has been marked by an impressive selection of scripts and stellar performances. Recently, her films 'Gulmohar' and 'Rocketry' have garnered critical acclaim and won prestigious National Awards. In 'Gulmohar', Simran delivered a nuanced and heartfelt performance that resonated with

Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital Organises Human Chain to Promote Eye Donation

Chennai Sep 08 2024:

In observance of National Eye Donation Fortnight, celebrated annually from August 25 to September 8, Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospitals organised a human chain in the city to raise awareness about the importance of supporting eye donation.

To take the pledge for eye donation, people can login <https://www.dragarwal.com/eye-donation/> to submit their request or call the eye donation helpline – 94444 44844 for assistance.

Mr. Pakalavan IPS, DIGP, CID Intelligence, Chennai flagged off the human chain at Edward Elliot's Beach, which saw participation from over 200 including optometric students from Dr. Agarwals Institute of Optometry, doctors from Dr. Agarwals Eye Hospital, and members of the general public.

National Eye Donation Fortnight was established by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in 1985. The theme for 2024 is 'I Can See Clearly Now', which emphasises the impact of eye donation. Corneal blindness, the most common treatable form of blindness, can be reversed with timely eye donations and corneal transplants. The cornea must be removed within 6 to 8 hours after death and used within 10 days of its removal. The corneal tissue extracted from a pair



of eyes can restore vision of up to four blind persons. The success rate of corneal transplants is 98-99 percent.

Mr. Pakalavan IPS said "I am thrilled to participate in this noble initiative of creating awareness on eye donation initiated by Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital. On this occasion, I pledge to donate my eyes to give a chance to a visually impaired individual to experience the delights of our world. I urge the younger generation to come forward and inspire others to support eye donation."

In her comments, Dr. S. Soundari, Regional Head - Clinical Services, Dr Agarwals Eye Hospital, said, "It's encouraging to see that many young people today understand the importance of eye donation and are actively registering to make a difference. Our Eye Bank, the second largest in India, over 70% of those who

have registered for eye donation are between the ages of 25 and 50. This growing awareness and participation are truly inspiring, as it reflects a collective commitment to restoring vision and transforming lives. We are optimistic that with continued efforts, more individuals will benefit from the gift of sight, making a lasting impact on society."

In her comments, Dr. Preethi Naveen, Medical Director, Dr Agarwals Eye Bank said, "At Dr. Agarwals Eye Bank, we receive over 1,500 requests for corneal transplants annually, and we fulfill 100% of these requests. Our comprehensive commitment to clearing the waiting list is unwavering, ensuring that every patient who needs a corneal transplant receives one. Last year, our Eye Bank achieved an eye collection total of 3,345 – and for 2024, from January to August, we have

already collected 2,255 eyes. We adhere to a first-come, first-served policy for transplants, though we prioritise younger patients and those who are blind in both eyes." Dr Agarwals operates two eye banks - one is located in Chennai and another in Hyderabad. It also has eight collection centers. The process for corneal removal and transplantation at Dr. Agarwal's Eye Hospital is thorough and patient-centered. It begins with patient consultation, where those with corneal issues are given expert guidance. This is followed by comprehensive counseling, ensuring that patients and their families fully understand the transplant procedure, its benefits, and the waiting time. Finally, surgeries are scheduled based on availability, guaranteeing timely and effective treatment for all.

"Mutham Thoorum" - A New Tamil Rendition of Annamayya's Timeless Classic

Chennai Sep 08 2024: "Mutham Thoorum" is a Tamil adaptation of the revered Telugu classic "Muddugare Yashoda," originally composed by Annamayya. This song is well-known for its poetic comparison of child Krishna to nine precious gemstones, each line capturing the divine charm and playful deeds of the young deity. This classic piece, has been sung in Tamil by singer Swetha Mohan. In addition to performing the vocals, Swetha has also interpreted the lyrics, ensuring that the essence of the original is preserved.

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The Tamil translation of the song was penned by lyricist Madhan Karky, who carefully retained the song's original sentiment while adapting it for a Tamil-speaking audience.

The melody of "Mutham Thoorum" stays true to the original tune of "Muddugare

Yashoda," as arranged by Lawrence. Annamayya's composition, in praise of child Krishna, has been cherished for generations, and this new Tamil version seeks to bring the same spiritual and cultural richness to a broader audience, connecting the timeless beauty of the original. The promotional video for

the song was released last week on Janmashtami. Now, the full version of the song is available on Paa Music's YouTube channel, and it will soon be accessible across all major music streaming platforms, allowing a broader audience to experience this classic in its new Tamil rendition.